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SUBJECT:MODE - STAFFING LEVEL FOR FAS UNIT

1. FOREIGN SERVICE INSPECTION REPORT ON ECON-COMMERCIAL AFFAIRS, LONDON, CONTAINS RECOMMENDATION (4.1-2) THAT M/MO SHOULD PURSUE WITH FAS WASHINGTON THE POSSIBLE REDUCTION IN SIZE OF THE FAS OFFICE AT LONDON. RATIONALE ADVANCED BY INSPECTORS STRESSES COMPARISON OF LONDON UNIT STAFF WITH THOSE IN BONN, PARIS AND OTHER MAJOR EMBASSIES, PLUS FACT THAT MANY PRIVATE US EXPORT PROMOTION ORGANIZATIONS OPERATE IN UK.

2. FAS IS CURRENTLY SEEKING ADDITIONAL MODE CEILING SPACES TO MEET NEW OVERSEAS REQUIREMENTS. TO FACILITATE DEPARTMENT'S RESPONSE TO THIS FAS REQUEST, WOULD APPRECIATE ASAP COM ASSESSMENT WITH AND RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING FAS STAFFING NEEDS IN UK. DETAILED GUIDANCE FOR SUCH ACTION
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WAS FORWARDED IN DEPARTMENT'S A-2527 (MAY 18, 1976).

EMBASSY'S GENERAL RESPONSE IN A-589 (AUGUST 19) DID NOT
RAISE ANY ISSUE REGARDING FAS STAFFING. ROBINSON

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